

# How America Was Discovered

Who discovered America? Mr. Columbus or Mr. Ericson? What a furor! Yale University's new evidence crediting Mr. Ericson has been hailed by politicians everywhere. Everywhere in Minnesota. But candidates for Mayor of New York are sticking to their convictions. The main one being that the Italian-American bloc can swing the election.

Acc newsmen are recording the reactions of distinguished Scandinavian-Americans ("Y u m p i n' yimminy!") and distinguished Italian-Americans ("A lousy fraud!"). And naturally I dashed out to interview a distinguished American-American, Chief Homer T. Petty-bone, in hopes he might shed some light on who got here first. I found him stoically banging a bongo drum and chanting an ancient Indian tribal rhyme:

"In 15,000 or more, B.C.,  
The Redman crossed the Bering Sea . . ."

Good heavens, I cried, the rhyme was right! Virtually all anthropologists now agreed the Indians migrated across the Bering Straits from Asia in Stone Age times. Therefore, it is neither Mr. Ericson nor Mr. Columbus who discovered America, but . . .

"George Leaping-Frog," said the Chief with a yawn. "I got his diary here someplace." Excerpts from that yellowed manuscript follow:

"Jan. 23, 15008, B.C. — Me and Herb and Al were whooping it up down at the Lodge. (That's the good, old Hangchow Lodge, Fraternal Order of Redmen.) And Al picks up these three chicks. 'No sense going home to the wives at this hour,' he says. 'Let's have a little fun first.' Well, we been on the road three months now, the vermouth's running low and Al figures we may never find a motel.

"May 17, 15008, B.C. — We crossed the border at Vancouver this morning and I, being first over, made a little speech. 'Herb,' I says, 'straighten your tie. Al, try and act sober. You want to look like immigrants? We're all real Americans now, gang. So let's straighten up and figure out some way to make a buck.'

"August 3, 15008, B.C. — Things are going fine. I been greeting new arrivals and selling them half-acre lots. Al's got his motel about finished. And Herb's practicing acting so's he can run for Governor. Yes sir, I see a mighty nation rising here with numerous statues to me, modest George Leaping-Frog, Discoverer of America. Please spell the name right."

I closed the diary, clapped the Chief on the back and said he must do more to publicize the fact that it was his forefathers who discovered America.

"To tell the truth," he said stoically, "the way the whole thing turned out, we don't want no credit."

Well, maybe this account of how three drunken Indians discovered America while looking for a motel will be disproved. (I'm suspicious of those dates, mayself.) But there's little scientific doubt the discoverers were Indians from the region around what is now China.

And I'm waiting for the day when justice triumphs and the Redman gets his due — the day when politicians everywhere stand up to say: "Friends, it wasn't you Italians who discovered America. Nor you Scandinavians either. No sir, the debt we owe is to our noble friends, the Red Chinese."  
Yes sir, that'll be the day.

## Museum Science Class Accepts Two Spartans

Two South High freshmen, Karen Gintz and Michael Bilach, have qualified for the Los Angeles County Museum Natural Science Workshop during the fall semester.

Classes, which began last week, meet each Saturday morning through Jan. 15, 1966.

The workshop affords superior high school science students an opportunity to study and work with the museum staff. A general survey of biology and a survey of fields open to young scientists is included during the fall semester.

Miss Gintz is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Gintz of 26020 Crest Road. She enjoys art and music and draws during her spare time. A mathematics student, she hopes to attend the University of Iowa.

Bilach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bilach of 2312 Romano Place, enjoys music and astronomy. A math and science student, he hopes to enroll at the University of California at Los Angeles when he graduates from South High.

## COUNT MARCO

### No 9-to-5 Jobs for This Lad

An ancient fable goes something like this: "A wise lad intent on marriage placed a broomstick across the doorstep. Five girls stepped over it. The sixth picked it up and won a husband."

In those far-off days much emphasis was placed on the wifely duty of maintaining a clean and proper home.

A girl was laught from the day she crawled into the kitchen that a neat home was as important a part of life as a good husband.

Today's crop of American girls are encouraged to ignore household responsibilities, because more emphasis is placed on their social acceptance than upon their ability to stand on their own

two feet as self-reliant individuals. Whenever one of you whines that your sloppy house should be excused "because I have four children," how I laugh.

Those women of yesterday had more children than they had fingers, and yet they managed quite well. Without modern aids, I might add.

Their secret was that they made the children work for them — not the other way around. This accomplished two things: The housework was done and the daughters of the house received excellent training for the future.

But what a mess things are today. On a recent home-buying jaunt I saw many ex-

amples of downright neglect of responsibility by mothers who ought to be training their daughters to be good wives.

At one home the harassed mother apologized for the filth in the swimming pool and the rundown condition of the gardens.

"We had to discontinue the pool service," she said, apologetically wringing her hands. But lounging around the same dirty pool were her teenage daughters with their friends.

When I see sad sights of such character neglect I am reminded of the father who said resignedly, after his son was arrested for burglary, "He never could adapt to a 9-to-5 job."

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TO OPEN SOON . . . Mrs. C. E. Bowen sorts clothing which will be offered for sale at the new Value Thrift Store, to open soon at 1261 Sartori Ave., downtown Torrance. The store, which will sell used items ranging from clothing and books to knick-knacks and furniture, is sponsored by the Southwest Association for Retarded Children for the benefit of the SARC program of services to mentally retarded persons in the Southwest area. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Value Village Thrift Shop to Aid Southwest Area Retarded Persons

"Retarded Children Can Be Helped" is the motto of a new Value Village Thrift Store which will be opening soon at 1261 Sartori Ave. in downtown Torrance.

The store, operated by the Southwest Association for Retarded Children (SARC), will offer used clothing of all types, knick-knacks, housewares, furniture, small

## CHP Backs 'Best Rider' In the West

An extensive bicycle safety campaign with the theme "Best Rider in the West" launched Thursday has the cooperation and support of the California Highway Patrol. Commissioner Bradford M. Crittenden urged citizens to support the program.

The bicycle safety campaign is an excellent opportunity for youngsters throughout the state to learn the value of developing good bicycle safety habits, Commissioner Crittenden stated.

"In a very few years today's young bike riders will be adult automobile drivers. It is vitally important that these children be encouraged to develop responsible attitudes toward safety."

The "Best Rider in the West" campaign is being conducted by the Independent Insurance Agents Association of California and the National Automobile Club, with cooperation of the patrol and local organizations.

and large appliances, and for sale. It will be the only books, all of which are carefully inspected, reconditioned, and reasonably priced. Value Village Store operating in the Southwest area and will serve the needs of the mentally retarded in this area.

"The proceeds realized from the store will be used to continue the services offered by SARC to the mentally retarded in this area and to enlarge and expand these services," said Harold Ritz, chairman of the SARC board. "Meeting the needs of the mentally retarded in this area is of massive community concern. For over 15,000 persons or 3 per cent of the overall population is mentally retarded. We, as an organization, are dedicated to giving the retarded of all ages an opportunity to realize their greatest potential."

LARRY AKEMON, store manager said, "We believe in rehabilitating mentally retarded persons when we can by hiring them in the store for jobs which are within their capabilities. Several other stores throughout the state are employing such workers and find that they do a very fine job. They can be trained for these jobs and are dependable workers."

SARC daily trains more than 40 mentally retarded adults in a sheltered workshop. The workshop is a cooperative effort with the Exceptional Children's Foundation of Los Angeles. In addition it sponsors monthly

Friendship parties for teenagers and young adults, girl and boy scout troops, and a crafts and activity park program for mentally retarded persons not in school.

SARC IS a non-profit organization and is affiliated with the state and national associations for the mentally retarded. The association is supported by donations from clubs and individuals.

"SARC will appreciate the support of its Value Village Store with donations of household articles and clothing from all area communities," Akemon said.

At all times the store will identify itself as an operation of the "Southwest Association for Retarded Children." All requests for truck pick-up of used articles may be made to the store, 328-6603.

## Area Heart Volunteers In Miami

Local Heart volunteers and medical men are playing a key role in determining the role of the American Heart Association at its annual conclave that is being held in Miami, Fla., through tomorrow, Dr. Ronald T. Piccirillo, chairman, Southwestern Branch, Los Angeles County Heart Association, explained this week.

The annual event is bringing together professionals and volunteers throughout the nation — many representing Los Angeles County — to discuss two national crises — heart and circulatory disorders and what is being done to combat them.

Dr. Piccirillo, Torrance internist, adds that local volunteers are offering recommendations to the national body in areas such as manpower, professional and public education, community services, and fund raising.

THEIR PARTICIPATION plays a leading role in influence and decision-making for Heart activities on local, sectional and national scales, he explains.

Special emphasis is being given to the national and local implications of the President's Commission Report on Heart Attacks, Cancer and Strokes.

# Vaccine Effective Against Flu Virus

We are told by public health authorities that an epidemic of flu can be expected this winter, and the news raises again the question of getting immunized against this disorder.

Flu is a specific virus infection which is almost always extremely unpleasant and which can be serious. Its symptoms are not unlike those of the common cold, except that there is, in addition, a fever and often muscle pains, headaches, and a general feeling of sickness. Three separate strains of the influenza virus have been identified, and one or another of them tends to show up in the community in cycles, ranging from yearly to every six years. The vaccine which is now available for protection against flu combines all the strains, and it is changed from year to year in anticipation of the particular strain which is expected to be virulent that year.

UNFORTUNATELY, we do not yet have an equally effective vaccine against colds, since a great variety of dif-

ference viruses cause this disorder, and in some instances, the body's response to cold immunization is very short lived.

Immunization against flu is generally considered advisable for elderly persons, for pregnant women, and for persons with serious chronic illnesses, such as heart disease, lung disease, and diabetes. The immunity derived from the vaccine lasts about six months. The immunizing procedure consists of two shots, taken one or two months apart. Since the flu epidemics are usually at their worst in the winter months just after the first of the year, doctors recommend their susceptible patients take their first shot no later than October, so that they can complete the preventive treatment before the risks of infection are highest. Persons who had flu shots last year need only a single shot as a booster this year.

IF YOU DO not get flu shots and you contact the disease, your best course of

treatment is bed-rest for a few days while the illness runs its course. There are some things which can relieve your discomfort — aspirin in moderation, for example, and antihistamines — but little that can be done to affect the disease directly. Like almost all virus infections, flu does not respond to antibiotics. However, many people with chronic respiratory problems involving the lungs and the nose tend to develop secondary bacterial infections when they have the flu. For such patients, doctors sometimes prescribe antibiotics as a precautionary measure.

Flu can be easily transmitted to other persons by close contact and by the spray which is emitted when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Persons with flu are urged to stay at home and keep their distance from other people, not only because it will be more restful and thus promote their recovery, but also because it will help to check the spread of this persistent and disagreeable disease.

## Tragedy of Education

### Dropouts Face Biggest Problem Finding Jobs

By ALPHONZO BELL, Congressman, 28th District. Students in elementary and secondary schools number nearly 49 million. Past experience tells us that one out of three students will probably leave high school without a diploma.

Finding a job is a real problem for the dropout. He enters a job situation in which about 200,000 jobs annually are transferred to machines. He usually lacks skills and formal education required by today's labor market. It is not surprising, therefore, that something like twice as many dropouts as graduates between the ages of 16 and 24 are unemployed.

The dropout has usually faced deprivation from the beginning. In Los Angeles, for example, five high schools in slum neighborhoods have a median dropout of more than 19 per cent. Where the rate is highest, approximately 44 per cent of the adults have less than eight years of formal education. Schools in suburban, high-income areas are a sharp contrast. Few students leave them before graduation.

THE REASONS for a teen-

ager's decision to leave school may be as complex as the entire interaction of unfavorable home environment, reading difficulties, lack of motivation, financial circumstances and inability to adjust to a classroom situation. The almost unbreakable cycle is repeated in countless schools across the country. This is the potential tragedy of American education.

If human misfortune causes us great concern, so must the dropout rate. At almost any stage along the way, with proper teachers, curriculum and counseling, the mind of a youngster might be saved. But it is in those areas where good schools are needed most that they are least available. Without the entire complement of educational equipment and specially trained teachers, children in poorer urban areas choose the most logical way out. They leave school. Whatever motivation they may have achieved despite their environment can be destroyed by crowded classrooms and dull programming.

WE KNOW the truth about the inadequacy of many elementary schools, where children's thoughts are formed

and patterns are set. We know that many high schools, where youngsters receive a final impetus to success or failure, are understaffed, overcrowded and inadequate. We must now apply our knowledge. Otherwise in losing the education battle we will also lose the battle against poverty. We will create profound division in America and we will encourage the development of permanent have and have-not classes.

Legislation passed during the First Session of the 89th Congress will correct many of the deficiencies that complete the dropout pattern without being preemptive. Proper attention is being given to establish state and local responsibilities in the field of education.

Innovations instituted by state and local school authorities are meeting with success. But to rest on achievements at this point would be a serious mistake. The problem goes beyond elementary and secondary schools into the very fabric and frustration of our automated and crowded society. Educators, legislators and the public must continue to make this a battle of the first magnitude.

## Ann Landers Says

### Pierced Ears Okay; Ice Picks Are Not



Dear Ann Landers: I am a 16-year-old girl who is troubled by something that is bugging lots of high school girls. You spoke at our school several months ago and seemed like a good egg. Your opinion would count at home.

I am dying to get my ears pierced. Is that so awful? My mother is against it. She says it cheapens a girl's appearance. I say it depends on the girl and the earrings.

Some girls have let their friends pierce their ears, which horrifies my mother. I would have a doctor do it. The way my mother talks no respectable girl would have her ears pierced. Do you agree with her? (P.S. Someone who met you in person said YOUR ears are pierced. True or false?) — BURLINGTON VERMONT MISS

Dear Miss: True. And I haven't lost a pair of earrings since I had it done, thank you.

Pierced ears are "in." I would O.K. it for 16-year-olds (no younger) provided the girl wears

small buttype pearls or gold or silver balls. Enormous gypsy hoops or chandelier hardware DOES cheapen a girl's appearance, so that's "out."

P. S. Ear-piercing should be done by a physician and NOT by any friend who happens to own an ice pick or a darned needle.

Dear Ann Landers: Fifteen years ago my father died and left me a growing business. I worked for him before I married and enjoyed it. I persuaded my husband, Tom, to take over because I wanted to stay at home and raise our four young children.

Tom did well with the business. He expanded and re-modeled the building and updated the equipment. He also kept bringing in relatives — first a brother, then a nephew, then a brother-in-law. Whenever I objected it ended in a big fight, so I kept quiet.

Our youngest child is in high school now and I want to go back in the business. When I told my husband he said, "There is no room for

you now. It would only cause trouble."

Last night I made my last stand. Either I go back in the business or I sell it. Well, I was called everything in the book not only by my husband but my sons. Nobody is speaking to me today. I telephoned my pastor and he said, "Leave things as they are." I want your opinion. — THE OUTSIDER

Dear Outsider: Your pastor gave you excellent advice and I hope you take it. Many things have changed in the past 15 years. If you insist on shooting your way into the business you'll create real trouble. According to your own testimony your husband has done well, so keep quiet and stay home.

What is French kissing? Is it wrong? Who should set the necktie limits — the boy or the girl? Can a shotgun wedding succeed? Read Ann Landers' booklet "Teen-age Sex — Ten Ways to Cool It." Send 50 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Ann Landers at the Press-Herald. Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Publishers Newspaper Syndicate